

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

ALTON CROMARTIE, : Case No. 2:23-cv-01802
Plaintiff, :
vs. : District Judge James L. Graham
ARTHUR HALE, *et al.*, : Magistrate Judge Caroline H. Gentry
Defendants. :
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OPINION AND ORDER

This case is exempt from the requirements of Rules 26(a)(1) and 26(f)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(iv); S.D. Ohio Civ. R. 16.2. Pursuant to Rule 16(b), the Court orders that this matter shall proceed as follows:

DISCOVERY shall be completed no later than **December 12, 2024**. Depositions of any persons who are incarcerated may proceed on such terms and conditions as the institution shall impose.

DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS shall be filed no later than **January 31, 2025**.

The Court will schedule a final pretrial conference and trial by separate order following resolution of any dispositive motions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Caroline H. Gentry
Caroline H. Gentry
United States Magistrate Judge